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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and device for hiding refresh operations during accesses to sub-arrays of a pseudo-static memory device. By refreshing sub-array $_j$ while filling the row R_i (where $i \neq j$) corresponding to sub-array $_i$, refresh operations can be performed without risking that a read request will interrupt the refresh operation. Additional refresh operations of sub-array $_i$ can be performed serially with the operations of filling the row R_i without delaying the overall burst read or write operation if the burst is made sufficiently long.